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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative REED of Falmouth. Cosponsored by Senator RICH of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act Concerning Citizen Initiative.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

30-A MRSA §2504, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 92, §2, is 4 amended to read:

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§2504. Circulation of petitions for local initiative

No <u>A</u> municipality may <u>not</u> enact any charter provision or ordinance prohibiting the circulation of petitions for any local initiative. A petition related to any local initiative, including, without limitation, petitions filed under section 2522, section 2528, subsection 5, the Constitution of Maine, Part Third, - Article - IV Article IV, Part Third, Section 21, or a municipal charter provision authorizing local initiatives, may be circulated as provided in Title 21-A, section 903-A. <u>Upon</u> receipt of a petition related to any local initiative that meets the requirement of the law, the municipal officers may not take any separate action on the subject matter of the petition until the municipality has finally acted upon the local initiative addressed in the petition.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires municipal officers to permit a local initiative process to be completed before taking separate action on similar subject matter.